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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (BUTZ, EARL)

SUBJECT: VISIT BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO CAIRO AND
DAMASCUS

REF: (A) STATE 230737 (B) CAIRO 8359

1. EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED TO FIRM UP SECRETARY BUTZ'S SCHEDULE IN CAIRO PER REF CABLES AND ADVISE WASHINGTON DETAILS SOONEST. PLEASE ARRANGE PRESS CONFERENCE, PROVIDING SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY. FYI SECRETARY BUTZ WHILE IN ROME WILL BE INVITING NEW GOE AG MIN DR. MAHMOUD AHMED ABDEL AKHER TO MAKE RETURN VISIT TO U.S. IF DR. AKHER SHOULD WANT TO RETURN TO CAIRO FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT, SECRETARY BUTZ WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM TRAVEL ON SECRETARY'S USG AIRCRAFT.

2. SECRETARY BUTZ PARTY PRESENTLY INCLUDES FOLLOWING: SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ; FAS ADMINISTRATOR DAVID L. HUME, ASST TO SECRETARY AND MRS. DONALD E. BROCK AND ASST TO SECRETARY EVAN J. HALE; USDA DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS CLAUDE W. GIFFORD; JOHN WEIDERT, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SECRETARY; SECURITY MEN J. F. BATTAGLIA, R. E. SULLIVAN AND R. G. BRAMHALL.

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3. SULLIVAN AND WEIDERT ADVANCING SECURITY PARTY TO CAIRO.

DETAILS THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOW SEPARATE CABLE.

4. IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S HEAVY WORKLOAD PREVIOUS WEEK, WOULD APPRECIATE MINIMUM OFFICIAL SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY. SUGGEST EMBASSY ARRANGE SOME CAIRO SIGHTSEEING INCLUDING PYRAMIDS AND CAIRO MUSEUM AS WELL AS SOME FREE TIME ON SUNDAY. OTHER SCHEDULING LEFT TO EMBASSY DISCRETION.

5. SECRETARY SCHEDULE NOW SHOWS ETA CAIRO 9 NOV 1715 LOCAL AND ETD CAIRO 11 NOV 1500 LOCAL.

6. QUESTION OF HOW TO DEAL WITH EGYPTIAN EXPECTATIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH BY SEPTTEL.

7. FOLLOWING HOTEL ROOMS REQUESTED: ONE SUITE FOR SECRETARY; ONE DOUBLE FOR BROCKS; SEVEN SINGLES.

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